

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 26th April 2015

Silent Key – Finbarr EI1CS

The death has occurred of Fr. Finbarr Buckley EI1CS, Cork City on April 19th at Cork University Hospital. Finbarr served as President of IRTS from 2006 to 2009. A private family funeral took place on Wednesday last April 22nd to St. Finbarr's Cemetery, Cork.

May he rest in peace.

IRTS AGM & Radio Rally

The IRTS AGM and radio rally takes place today Sunday April 26th. The event is hosted by South Eastern Amateur Radio Group at the Hotel Kilkenny, Kilkenny City.

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society EI7DAR

The AGM of Dundalk Amateur Radio Society will take place on Wednesday 6th May at 8.30pm sharp at the club premises Castletown Road, Dundalk. As this is an important event for DAR all members are encouraged to attend. New members are always welcome. www.ei7dar.com

Counties Contests

The Contest Results page at www.irts.ie/results now includes the results of the Spring 2 metres Counties Contest. Congratulations to the award winners.

We have another Counties Contest coming up in mid-May - the 40 metres Counties Contest takes place on Sunday 17th May, from 12:00 to 15:00 UTC.

Lough Erne Radio Rally

The Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club 34th Annual Rally will be held on Sunday 10th May at the Share Centre, Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh. Doors open at 11.30am

It is easy to travel by express bus from Dublin to the Lough Erne Rally in The SHARE centre on Sunday 10th May. A service at 7.30am from the Busaras stops in Derrylin at 10am (on the way on to Enniskillen and Donegal) The SHARE Centre minibus will meet and take rally goers the final five miles from Derrylin to SHARE. A bacon butty and coffee breakfast will be available at 10.30. Doors open at 11.30. Return services from Derrylin depart at 2.45pm or at 4.45pm More on website – www.learc.eu

Cork Radio Club

The next meeting of CRC will take place on Wednesday May 6th when Dave Deane EI9FBB will give a talk on “DXpedition Difficulties”.

The next confirmed outdoor event for the club will be a Summer Barbeque to be held in conjunction with CW Field on 6th and 7th June.

Members are asked to pay their annual membership fee of €20.00 to Treasurer Jim EI8GS as soon as possible.

Anyone interested in Amateur Radio and or CRC is invited to call to Carrigtwohill Community Centre on the first or third Wednesday of any month and further information is available from Dave EI4BZ on 087-6290574 or by emailing ei4bz/at/eircom/dot/net

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 4th June in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam. Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Wednesday 20th May. Three Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are now available on the Downloads section of the website at www.irts.ie/downloads under Studying for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate. These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination.

2m Nets

Fingal Radio Club and Dermot EI2HD continue their 2m call-in on Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7p.m. Please try and give your support by getting on the air. Keep 2metres alive. The frequency is 145.7625MHz, CTCSS 88.5KHz on the Dublin repeater

SEARG will continue their 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the band, which has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency used is 145.400MHz.

DX News

A number of Japanese amateurs will be active from Bhutan from 30th April to 6th May. Look out for the A52 callsigns on 80 – 6m SSB, CW and digital. QSLs go via the JA bureau.

Makoto JI5RPT will be active as JD1BLY on the island of Ogasawara from 29th April to 5th May. Ogasawara is a separate entity for DXCC purposes and has an IOTA reference of AS-031.

Yasu JH2DFJ will operate as T88DF from Palau from 27th April 1st May. He will be on 160 – 6m on SSB, CW and digital. QSL via the home call.

Special callsigns VK100ANZAC and ZL100ANZAC will be aired from 25th April to commemorate the part played by the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps in the Gallipoli campaign during World War One.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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